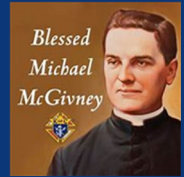




Knights Page



Prince of Peace Council 8791

Ormond Beach, Florida

December 2025



Grand Knight Message – SK Dan Kimble

Brother Knights, as we enter this blessed season of Advent and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your tremendous service throughout the month of November. Your dedication was evident in all of our activities, especially during our annual Memorial Mass for our Deceased Brother Knights. Coming together in prayer, remembering their lives and service and entrusting them to God's eternal care, is one of the most profound expressions of our unity and fraternity. Thank you for honoring them with such reverence. Please see the article and photos below.

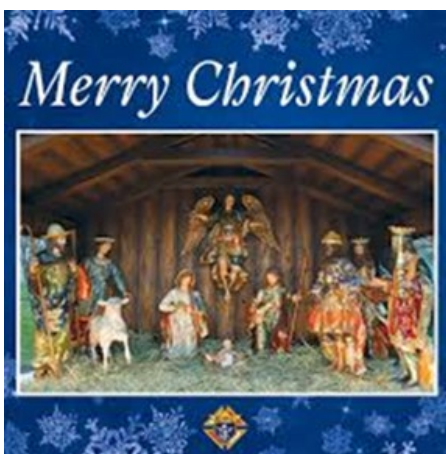
On November 25, before our Council Meeting, we held our annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive. It was a tremendous success. Thanks to all the Knights for your toy donations. We placed many of the toy donations on the stage in the Social Hall as pictured, but many other toys were received, including two bicycles.

Photo at right: Council Leaders gather with donations for the Toys for Tots Toy Drive following the Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. Pictured (L-R), SK William Whelan, SK Sebastian Nocita, SK Ron Nowvieskie, District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong, SK Jeff Delgado, Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, SK Angelo Salvo, SK Harold Bennett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Andy Wilbert, and SK Jay Young. Also present but not pictured, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Gary Konopka, and SK Dan Medved.



Now we look ahead to December, a month filled with celebration and abundant opportunities to serve Christ by serving others. I humbly ask for your continued enthusiasm, participation, and commitment as we prepare for the meaningful events before us. On December 4, we visit the Veterans Nursing Home to bring comfort, gratitude, and companionship to the men and women who have sacrificed so much. On December 5, we have First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, a time to center ourselves in prayer, draw strength from the Eucharist, and lift our intentions to the Lord. On December 13, our *Cor* ministry gathers in prayer and fraternity to nourish our spiritual lives. On December 16, we have our monthly Council Meeting (a week early this month), where your presence helps guide our mission as a strong and vibrant Council. On December 17, we have our monthly Habitat for Humanity workday, a living expression of charity, helping create a safe and loving home for a family in need. On December 21, is our Breakfast with Santa, a joyful event filled with memory-making moments

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for our parish families. Your help and hospitality will ensure its success. Then we close this month on December 27 and 28 with our Consecration to the Holy Family at all Masses, where we renew our commitment to model our homes after Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Each one of these events offers us a moment to shine the light of Christ in our parish and community. I encourage you to participate as your schedule allows, trusting that every contribution bears great fruit. May God reward you abundantly for all you do.

As Christmas draws near, may the peace of the Christ child fill your hearts, may His love strengthen your families, and may His light guide your steps in the coming year. On behalf of the Council leadership, I wish all Brother Knights and your loved ones a very blessed, joyful, and Merry Christmas. Vivat Jesus!



Deputy Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Ernst

A Review of the First Half of our Fraternal Year

Brothers, as 2025 ends, Council 8791 has had a strong first half of the Fraternal Year, serving families, veterans, and the parish community. The new *Cor* ministry is bringing men together in faith and fellowship. Our membership drive is thriving, with nearly two-thirds of our Star Council goal reached. Through these ongoing efforts, our Knights remain a steady presence of faith and service in the parish and beyond. Here's an overview of the year so far.



Faith Programs

- Adoration (Ongoing): Knights spend an hour a month deepening their relationship with Christ.
- *Cor* Ministry (Ongoing): Men of the parish gathering for prayer, reflection, and fellowship.
- Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Mass (Complete): Celebrated our founder's legacy and call to action.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Icon (Complete): Hosted the icon to foster devotion and unity.
- Memorial Mass of Remembrance (Complete): Honored and prayed for our departed brothers.
- RSVP Program (Complete): Sponsored a local diocesan seminarian in his studies.
- Seminarian Abroad (Complete): Sponsored a seminarian in Uganda in his studies.
- Fifth Saturday Rosary (Ongoing): A rosary gathering for intercessory prayer.
- Corporate Communion (Ongoing): Came together as a Council in worship at Mass.

Family Programs

- Family of the Month (Ongoing): We have been recognizing families of faith in our parish.
- Food for Families (Complete): Donated to our parish Social Services ministry to support families.

Community Programs

- Habitat for Humanity (Ongoing): Volunteer year-round to build and repair homes.
- Blood Drives (Ongoing): Hosted Blood One to collect blood to help save lives.
- Toys for Tots Toy Drive (Complete): Collected toys for children in need this coming Christmas.
- Coats for Kids (Complete): Purchased new coats for children in need in our community.
- Veterans Nursing Home (Ongoing): Monthly visit with and Bingo with our local Veterans.
- Like New Shop and Food Pantry (Ongoing): Gave time and support for donations to those in need.

Life Programs

- Novena for Life (Complete): Prayed for the protection and dignity of all life.
- ASAP Program: (Complete): Made our annual donation to the Pregnancy Crisis Center.

As 2026 approaches, we celebrate the Knights faith, service, and impact. From supporting families and veterans to strengthening parish life, the Council continues to make a difference. We look forward to growing our membership and building on these successes in the year ahead.



District Deputy Message – SK Chuck Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and our new State Deputy, Michael Gizewski. It is impressive to see just how much Council 8791 is doing this year in your many faith-in-action programs and activities.

November was a busy month, highlighted by our annual Memorial Mass for our Deceased Brother Knights. The Memorial Mass was special and solemn. We were blessed to have many Knights in attendance to support the families of our deceased Brother Knights, to have two priests concelebrate the Mass, and a choir. Thank you for hosting this Mass for our District again this year. Thank you for also hosting the annual Fraternal Benefits Event. A lot of good information was shared on Medicare, and participants had the opportunity for individual consultations.

We have a couple of upcoming events. The Florida State Council will have its Mid-Year Meeting on December 12 and 13 in Orlando. Council Knights are welcome to attend. He also encouraged Knights to participate in the online training programs provided. There is a lot of good information out there that is beneficial for all members. The State Council also provides the Fraternal Leader Advisory and *Invocation* magazine. Please also regularly check the Knights of Columbus websites, including your Council website at kofc8791.org. There will be a District Training for Councils in our area on Saturday, January 24 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in DeLand. All Officers are asked to attend. It is open to all Knights. Also, there is a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, January 31 at 11:00 am at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Tampa.

Welcome new Knights. It is great to see that your Council is on track to achieve Star Council again this Fraternal Year. Knights are encouraged to join the Father McGivney Guild. It is free. You will receive information on how you can support sainthood for Father Michael McGivney. You are reminded of the State Raffle. Please sell your tickets, as this is a good fundraiser for your Council. More tickets are available.

Photo at right: District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong presents the District Warden medal of office to SK Michael Ernst at the Council Meeting on November 25.

At the November Council Meeting, it was my pleasure to announce the appointment of SK Michael Ernst to serve as the new District Warden for District 18. He will assist me with many District duties and in providing support to our District Councils. SK Michael Ernst was presented with the jewel/medal of office of the District Warden. He will remain as a Council Officer, currently your Deputy Grand Knight. Please extend your thanks to SK Michael Ernst for taking on this new position.

Many thanks for all you do for your Parish and your community as Knights of Columbus. Merry Christmas to all. Vivat Jesus!



Lecturer Message – SK Gary Konopka

With Hearts Full of Faith

In the month of November, we Catholics remembered in a special way all the faithful departed. It was a time of prayer, gratitude, and hope—honoring those who have gone before us and entrusting them to God's mercy. As we visited cemeteries, offered Masses, and prayed for the souls in purgatory, we strengthened our bond with the Communion of Saints. In December and the season of Advent, let us live this month with hearts full of faith, remembering that in Christ, life is changed—not ended.

 **Looking for more Knights reflections?** Our Council provides reflections related to the faith, service, and mission of the Knights of Columbus. Please see kofc8791.org/knights-reflections.



Spiritual Advisor Guest Message – His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo, Archbishop of Toronto

(Courtesy Archdiocese of Toronto Communications)

Advent: Preparation for the Coming of Christ

We begin the season of Advent, a blessed time of waiting, expectation, and preparation for the coming of Christ and for the annual celebration of his Birth. As Pilgrims of Hope, our Advent observances recall and solidify our hope in the loving mercy of God and in his abiding presence in our lives and in the life of the Church. We prayerfully recognize that Christ's coming - to Bethlehem, in the Eucharist, and at the end of time in glory - fulfills the deepest human desire for reconciliation (cf. St. Bernard of Clairvaux, *Adventu Domini*, Sermo V). To experience Advent during the Jubilee Holy Year is to allow the mystery of God's mercy to shape our waiting, so that we prepare not just for Christmas day and its beautiful celebrations and festivities, but for the fullness of life that Christ brings both now and at the end of time.



The Advent cry of the prophets - "O that you would tear open the heavens and come down" (Is 64:1) - expresses our longing for liberation and peace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming" (CCC 524). Similarly, our Jubilee observances also call for renewal and restoration, where debts are forgiven, prisoners are freed, and relationships are restored (cf. Lev 25:8-17). During this Holy Year, our longing becomes a lived experience, as we engage in spiritual works and works of charity, justice and mercy, symbolizing the passage from sin to grace, from fear to trust, from self-enclosure to communion with God and neighbor.

Each candle on the Advent wreath marks not only the weeks before Christmas but the stages of salvation history, thereby reminding us of the sacredness of time within God's plan. With the passage of time, we are called to cultivate hope, faith, joy in our hearts, to consider anew how we live as we engage in the jubilee practices of sacramental confession, holy communion, pilgrimage, prayer, and assistance to the needy. During this Year of the Lord's favor, our Advent waiting becomes active discipleship where our faith and hope are not just "informative" but "performative" as Pope Benedict XVI wrote a number of years ago (cf. *Spe Salvi*, 2).



Photo at left: Frank Cardinal Leo delivers the Homily at the Mass for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6, 2025 at the 143rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Washington, D.C.

As we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year, we cannot help but reflect on the passage of time and indeed on the fullness of time (cf. Gal 4:1-8). As we look forward to the fullness of God's promise, I invite you to take this sacred time to (i) rediscover the freshness of the Gospel by dedicating a few minutes each day in prayerfully reading a passage or two of the Word of God; (ii) let us be courageous and let go of any resentment we harbor towards others; (iii) let us be men and women of communion and forgiveness, always active in bringing about unity among us, in our relationships, home and community. In doing so, we will note that our heart is opening more and more and making room for Christ to dwell therein. In this holy season of Advent, the Church waits not only for the birth of the Child Jesus, but for the rebirth of the human heart today - a true jubilee of grace, where hope becomes joy and waiting becomes mission. Wishing you all a blessed Advent season guided and accompanied by the powerful and maternal mediation of Our Lady of Advent.



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

Building Mission-Driven Momentum

Midyear Membership Meeting calls leaders to continue fraternal growth and charitable outreach
(Courtesy *Columbia*, November 20, 2025)

Photo at right: Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addresses jurisdiction leaders during the opening business session of the Midyear Meeting of State Deputies in Denver on November 15, 2025.

As the Knights of Columbus approaches historic levels of growth, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly urged state deputies to maintain the momentum amid new challenges. Fraternal leaders representing nearly 70 jurisdictions gathered in Denver from November 14 to 16 for the annual Midyear Membership Meeting of State Deputies. In addition to business sessions, they participated in Mass, workshops and other opportunities for prayer and fraternity.



In his address during the opening business session on November 15, the Supreme Knight announced that the Order is on pace to welcome more than 100,000 new members by the end of the calendar year — even as the fraternal year continues. “There’s no silver bullet for bringing men into the Knights of Columbus; there’s no quick fix,” he said. “We bring men in, one man, one Knight at a time, and it takes a lot of hard work — a lot of grit.” Growth, he emphasized, stems from fidelity to the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney, who “built the Knights to strengthen the faith of Catholic men and to help them put that faith into action.”

Father McGivney’s vision, he added, offers an answer to a dominant culture in which many young men suffer from a crisis of isolation — a crisis now abetted by artificial intelligence. “We connect our brother Knights with God and with the Church — and, importantly, with a group of other like-minded men who share that mission,” the Supreme Knight said. “And that’s why we’re growing.” He also highlighted a 25% increase in online membership applications in the month following this year’s Supreme Convention, where he encouraged Knights to embrace the Go for Two initiative — a challenge to every Knight to recruit two new members. The figure marked an increase over the same period last year.

Quoting Pope Leo XIV, who recently told a gathering of young people in Rome not to let “an algorithm write your story,” the Supreme Knight emphasized the importance of *Cor*, the Order’s spiritual initiative designed to foster authentic male friendships rooted in faith. With more than 6,200 councils and about 100,000 men participating, *Cor* is helping to draw younger men to the Knights — and still has room to grow. “We built *Cor* for men of all ages, but *Cor* is especially powerful in attracting young men,” the Supreme Knight said. “It’s a gateway to those genuine friendships and those real encounters that the Pope is talking about.” “If each of you makes *Cor* and Go for Two a priority in the next six months, we will finish this year stronger than we can imagine,” he added.

The Supreme Knight further emphasized the unique role of the Knights in responding to the loneliness many young men experience today. “The dominant culture has no real answer to this, and that’s because [it] created this crisis,” he said. “But we in the Knights, we have an answer. We help young men find mission and meaning in their lives. And men, specifically, are hardwired for that — for connection and for purpose.” That sense of purpose, he said, is found especially through works of charity — the “way we bring the love of Christ to those who need it.”

“As Knights, we serve a king, and our king is Christ — and he calls us to protect the most vulnerable,” the Supreme Knight said, highlighting several charitable milestones the Order reached in the past year, including:

2,000 ultrasound machines donated through the Ultrasound Initiative; 2 million coats distributed through Coats for Kids; and 150,000 wheelchairs delivered in partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission. The Supreme Knight also affirmed that Father McGivney's mission to protect the financial security of Catholic families is inextricably tied to the Order's charitable and fraternal mission. "Our charitable reputation," he explained, "is grounded in the strength of our insurance program, and our insurance program is grounded in the strength of our fraternal organization and its ability to bring in new members. We need both lungs — fraternal and insurance — to breathe together, so that we can best fulfill our mission."



Photo at left: Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori elevates the host while celebrating Mass during the Midyear Meeting in Denver on November 15, 2025.

Also speaking on November 15, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori acknowledged a climate of political polarization, yet observed a hopeful increase in conversions to Catholicism among younger generations. "Many dioceses report an increase of young people, especially young men, coming back to the Church or entering the Church for the first time," Archbishop Lori said. "As the spiritual sons of Blessed Michael McGivney, this is our moment to attract to our ranks the young men ... who are seeking a relationship with God and healthy friendships."

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for December

(Courtesy Knights of Columbus kofc.org)

Archbishop William Lori, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, each month selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses. Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month. Men undertaking the challenge can gather as a group and share their experiences living the challenge. The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is suited for *Cor* or may also be done individually. By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.



Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain.

This month's Bible Verse:

"Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matt 3:10, Gospel for December 7)

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works. In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

Challenge by the Supreme Chaplain:

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

Questions for Reflection:

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?



U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Update

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Issue a “Special Message” on Immigration from Plenary Assembly

(Courtesy *USCCB News* and *Catholic News Agency*, November 12, 2025)



As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) gathered for their Fall Plenary Assembly in Baltimore, the bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. It marked the first time in twelve years the USCCB invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops. The last one issued in 2013 was in response to the federal government’s contraceptive mandate.



Photo at left: The plenary assembly of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on November 11, 2025 in Baltimore. Pictured, first row (L-R) Father Michael J.K. Fuller, General Secretary; Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, outgoing President, and Archbishop William E. Lori, Vice President and Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Under the regulations pertaining to statements and publications of the Conference, a “Special Message” may only be issued at plenary assemblies, and they are statements which the President of the Conference, the Administrative Committee, or the general membership consider to be appropriate in view of the circumstances at the time. To show the consensus of the body, a Special Message must receive two-thirds of the Conference members present and voting at the

plenary in order to pass. In a vote of 216 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 3 abstentions, the bishops overwhelmingly approved the Special Message, with sustained applause of the body following the vote.

The full text of the bishops’ Special Pastoral Message follows:

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

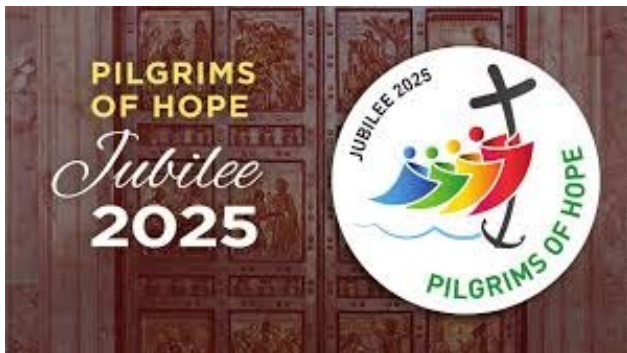
Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity. Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation’s immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together. We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone! We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of goodwill to continue and expand such efforts. We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5) May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope: Jubilee Celebrations in December and January



Jubilee 2025 concludes this month on December 28, 2025 for local dioceses and on January 6, 2026 at the Vatican. This month, the Jubilee continues to invite you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers. The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and

various ministries in the Church.

In December 2025 and January 2026, there is one Jubilee Celebration and the Closing of the Holy Doors:

December 14 - Jubilee of Prisoners

December 28 - Closing of the Holy Doors Around the World

January 6, 2026 - Closing of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica

The Jubilee Year has offered faithful Catholics the opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. Please see the main Jubilee 2025 website at uscbb.org/jubilee2025. St. James Cathedral, Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, and Basilica of Saint Paul have been designated as a Jubilee pilgrimage sites for the Diocese of Orlando. Information about events in our diocese is available at orlandodiocese.org/events/jubilee-year-of-hope/

"For to this you have been called..." 1 Peter 2:21
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!





Vatican Update

Believers must care for the Poor and Creation, Pope Leo XIV says

(Courtesy *Catholic News Service*, November 19, 2025.)



Photo at left: Pope Leo XIV greets a child from the popemobile as he rides around St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before his weekly general audience on November 19, 2025.

If people do not see themselves as "caretakers of the garden of creation, we end up becoming its destroyers," Pope Leo XIV said.

As the U.N. Climate Conference continued in Brazil, the Pope dedicated his weekly general audience talk on November 19 to explaining how Jesus' death and resurrection should lead Christians to "a spirituality of integral ecology," which seeks the good of the human person and the planet. Believing in Christ does not isolate Christians from the world and its concerns, the Pope said, but rather it motivates

them to share with others how faith generates hope and action, including the kind of conversion needed to provide greater care for the poor and for the earth.

Without concrete commitments, he said, "the words of faith have no hold on reality, and the words of science remain outside the heart." "If we allow it, Christ's salvific act can transform all our relationships: with God, with other people and with creation," Pope Leo said in his English-language remarks.

Christians "must allow the seed of Christian hope to bear fruit, convert our hearts and influence the ways we respond to the issues that we face," including the pressing issue of climate change and, particularly, its impact on the world's poorest people. "As followers of Jesus," he said, "we are called to promote lifestyles and policies that focus on the protection of human dignity and of all of creation." "Christian hope responds to the demands of our time regarding the climate and the environment," he told Portuguese speakers.

Photo at right: Pope Leo XIV gives his blessing at the conclusion of his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on November 19, 2025.

The audience began with the reading of the Gospel of John's account of Mary Magdalene weeping near Jesus' tomb, not recognizing the risen Lord, but thinking he was the gardener. In some ways, Jesus is the gardener, the Pope said. "The lost paradise is rediscovered by Jesus," who, like a seed buried in the ground, rises again and bears fruit.

Belief in the Resurrection and hope for the coming of God's kingdom "are the foundations for an ecological spirituality and conversion that change history and involve public commitment, placing Christians on the same side as so many people -- including many young people -- who have heard and felt resonate in their hearts the divine call to care for the poor and for the earth."

Pope Leo encouraged people at the audience to "invoke the Spirit to help us care, with the same faith, for our common home and for our hearts."





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Knight of the Month

SK John Malafronte

The Knight of the Month award recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.

At our November Council Meeting, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst announced that the Knight of the Month for November is SK John Malafronte. SK John Malafronte has served our Parish and Council faithfully for many years, including time on the Parish Finance Council and as a Past Grand Knight. He led the 2014 Christ Renews His Parish program and has continued to guide many of those men through his own Bible study group. *(Continued on next page.)*

Photo at right: SK John Malafronte receives the Knight of the Month Award for November from Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst following Mass on November 16, 2025.



SK John Malafronte is also a frequent reader at Mass, sharing the Word of God with care and conviction. His wisdom and love of Scripture made him the right man to lead our *Cor* ministry, creating a place for men to grow together in faith. In many ways, he continues to strengthen our Council and our Parish community. We recognize and congratulate SK John Malafronte as our Knight of the Month in November.



Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus recognizes a family each month that exemplifies the ideals of a Catholic Christian Family through their participation in our community at Prince of Peace. They are representative of the many families and individuals that support our Parish with their time and talents. We did not announce a Family of the Month in November. Our next Family of the Month will be announced in December. SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, has asked all Knights to identify deserving families in the parish and nominate them for Family of the Month by contacting him at hlbenn@yahoo.com.



Recruit and Welcome New Knights

Welcome BK Roger Thompson and BK Thomas Riley



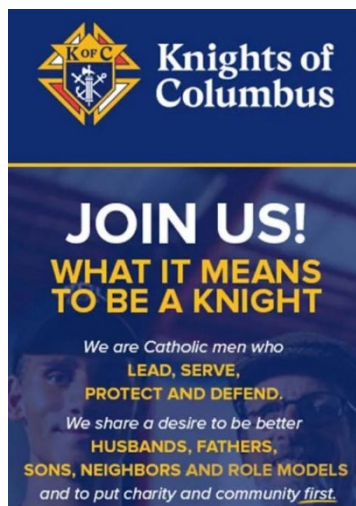
At our November Council Meeting, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie reported that we are pleased to consider two Knights who seek to transfer into our Council: Roger Thompson and Thomas Riley. Both Knights introduced themselves to their Brother Knights. The Knights expressed their congratulations and welcomed our new Council Knights. Please see their photos below.

Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie noted that we have three prospective new Council Knights who are pending their Exemplification. We hope to welcome them into the Knights of Columbus at our Council Meeting in December.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join Prince of Peace Council 8791, but we need your help. Please look around you at Mass. A personal invitation to join is always best. We want to share the many benefits of the Knights of Columbus, including promoting opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship, emphasizing extensive charitable work and support for the Church, offering insurance and investment benefits for the whole family, and highlighting the legacy of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney.



BK Roger Thompson



BK Thomas Riley

The key is to personalize the message to the individual, to discuss specific interests, share positive experiences, and confidently ask him to join. You can do it. The goal this Fraternal Year is to recruit 12 new Knights to our Council.

The Knight of Columbus continues to offer one free year of membership for new Knights, in addition to the many benefits of the Order. We have a table filled with Council information available in the Social Hall and more on our Council website at kofc8791.org. We have also added promotion of the Council on the electronic screens in the Church vestibule, which includes the QR Code to learn more about our Council and Order. We also regularly promote membership through our weekly Parish Bulletin. The Knights of Columbus has made it easier than ever to join, taking but a few minutes online. We ask you to assist and be active that weekend in recruiting new Knights. Please contact Chancellor BK Ron Nowvieskie at rnowvieskie@cfl.rr.com with any questions or to offer further assistance with recruitment.



Fourth Degree/Assembly 2901 Update

Faithful Navigator SK Bill Whelan noted that the annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights was held at Prince of Peace on Tuesday, November 18. Thank you to the many Knights who attended.

SK Bill Whelan noted that the Assembly continues to seek new Assembly members and new members of the Color Corps. He said that the Assembly will pay half of the Exemplification registration fee and pay half of the cost of the uniform for the Color Corps. Fourth Degree membership is open to any Third Degree Knights of Columbus Council member. Assembly membership offers the opportunity for Catholic men to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Fourth Degree membership is the highest level a Knight can become, and the title of 'Sir Knight' is bestowed.

Photo at right: SK Bob Simcoe and SK Mike Worley with other Knights of the Color Corps.

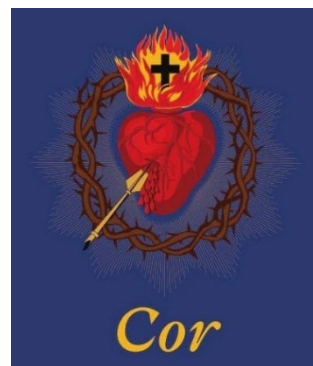
The Fourth Degree Color Corps is a voluntary integral part of the Fourth Degree. The highly visible role of the Color Corps is the Honor Guard at masses of remembrance or other special masses and events, parades, funerals, First Communion, and Confirmations. Their iconic regalia features a jacket and crest, slacks, tie, and a beret. The ceremonial sword symbolizes Christian Knighthood and is carried to signify reverence to the Church, Eucharist, Country and Freedom. Please contact SK Bill Whelan with any questions at chicagobmw2006@yahoo.com.



Cor Ministry of Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity

Next Cor is December 13

The *Cor* ministry enters its third month in November, with its focus on answering the needs of Catholic men through prayer and fraternity. As we live the faith, every Catholic man needs a strong relationship with God that is rooted in prayer and the sacraments. *Cor* exists to provide this formation. Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with a keen understanding of every man's call to holiness and a fatherly vocation. *Cor* continues this mission by centering men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other. *Cor* is held on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 10:00 am for one hour. The next *Cor* will be on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 am in the St. Therese Room 7 in the Parish Administration Building. Please consider joining us.





Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour with Adoration is available every Friday at 6:00 pm in the Church, following the 5:30 pm Mass, and every day in our Adoration Chapel. We ask our Knights to consider spending one hour each month in Adoration. You may use the Adoration Chapel, or participate in the Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month or any Friday of the month, or participate in other Adorations as available. Please report your Adoration time each month on the Council tally sheet.

Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP).

RSVP is the program that supports a Seminarian in our Diocese in their vocation studies. Our Seminarian this year will be Chuan Trinh, who is the same Seminarian we sponsored last year. He is currently in the second year of his studies. We have provided him with our annual donation to support his studies. Please contact SK Bill Whelan for more information.

Lenten Day of Reflection.

A Day of Reflection is being planned in February or March at the Carmelite Monastery. More to come. SK Dave Peterson is the lead Knight for this activity.

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

Our Council supports the Fifth Saturday Rosary, held when a month has a fifth Saturday, in the Church Chapel at 5:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. The last Fifth Saturday Rosary was on November 29. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is January 31. Please consider joining us.

Photo at right: Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary on November 29, 2025.



Corporate Communion.

Our Memorial Mass on November 18 served as our first Corporate Communion of the Fraternal Year. We had more than 25 Knights worship together from our Council.

Please speak with SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a Parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. We did not select a family in November, but we will do so in December. If you have a family to recommend for Family of the Month, please contact SK Harold Bennett at hlbenn@yahoo.com.

Food for Families.

The Knights are committed to ending hunger in our community. A check was presented to M. Greta Abad Ostrowski, Director of Prince of Peace Social Services, to support the Food Pantry. We encourage Knights to routinely support the Food Pantry by bringing in a grocery donation each Sunday to the Church vestibule.

Consecration to the Holy Family.

This prayer program invites each family of the Parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family. It will be held at all Masses on December 27 and 28. Prayers cards will be distributed.

Building the Domestic Church.

The Council provides free booklets to help strengthen the Domestic Church, which is our families. The booklets vary and cover a variety of family topics. We maintain a kiosk of booklets in the Church vestibule.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our next Blood Drive, the fourth of the Fraternal Year, will be on Sunday, December 28. Please give if you can and if you are unable, please ask a family member or friend to donate. If you have been unable to give in the past, but circumstances or medications have changed and you have not tried to give blood recently, please consider doing so. Our goal for the new Fraternal Year in the Blood Drive program is once again 90 pints. Our November Blood Drive was better than our September Drive, as we collected 12 pints and 14 persons turned out to give, with two being unable to donate. With our slow start of 11 pints in July, only 6 pints in September, and 12 pints in November, our Fraternal Year total to date is 29 pints, and we are still below where we should be to meet our Fraternal Year Goal in this program.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday for December is Wednesday December 17 (the third Wednesday of the month). We contributed 21.7 hours in July, 16.1 hours in August, 17.8 hours in September, 18.5 hours in October, and 25.9 hours to date in November, for a Fraternal Year to date total of 100 hours. Our increase in hours for November was the result of a new Knight. So, we are on track to our goal for this Fraternal Year which is again 200 hours and 2 program credits in the Community Category. The Habitat Holiday Breakfast is Friday, December 12 in our Social Hall. If you are a Habitat volunteer and have not received your invitation, please let me know and I will send you an electronic invitation. If you are interested in joining the Habitat team and maybe learning a few more home building or maintenance skills, contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

Social Services is doing good and remains busy. We will have modified hours of operation for Christmas week. We always need more volunteers at the Like New Shop. At the Food Pantry, we need more men to help pack the grocery bags and to assist with food pickup. Two of our long-serving volunteers have needed to reduce their hours, so more help is needed. We still can use a lot more volunteers. Please contact SK Jay Young to help or for more information at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com.

Coats for Kids.

Our Council again participated in the Coats for Kids program, which provides warmth for children in need during cold winter months. Through the dedication of councils, thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since the program's inception. Led by SK Bill Whelan, our Council purchased 12 new coats for students at Westside Elementary in Daytona Beach. We delivered the new coats during an extraordinarily cold November week, which were appreciatively accepted by the school.

Photo at right; Robert Maltoni, a coach and teacher at Westside Elementary School in Daytona Beach, shows one of the coats donated by our Council on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.



Veterans Nursing Home.

Our next gathering is Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 am. Please join us if you can. We had a great turnout of Knights at the monthly visit with our veterans at the Emory L. Bennett Nursing Home in November. The

veterans truly appreciated our Council and Assembly members for making themselves available. Thanks to all the Knights who attended: SK Russell Benett, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Jim Nunn, SK Gary Konopka, SK Jay Young, SK Chuck Armstrong, SK Marty Librizzi, SK Skip Keating, SK James McCormick, and SK Bob Simcoe.

Respite Care Program.

We are volunteering as respite care providers for the Council of Aging (COA) in a program that provides respite for caregivers. Every Thursday, clients are brought to the Parish Administration Building, and are joined with volunteers to keep them company at various times between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. There are games, art supplies, and other activities. A COA nurse remains on the premises. A background screening and orientation are required. If you are interested in participating in the Respite Care Program, please contact SK Bill Whelan at chicagobmw2006@yahoo.com.

Breakfasts: Coffee & Donuts.

Thanks to the many Knights who helped with the Veterans Day Breakfast on November 16, and those who attended. The event was delayed one week due to the Parish Ministry Fair. There were two events in the parish hall the day before, so all the setup had to be done Sunday morning making for a busy and early morning. It was our best-attended Breakfast of the Fraternal Year, with 128 paid tickets (124 last year) and a few more free kids than we've recently seen. Thank you also to those who helped with Coffee & Donuts, where we served 31 dozen doughnuts. Our next Breakfast is Breakfast with Santa on December 21.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

There will be competitions beginning in December. There is a Race for Inclusion on December 6 in Gainesville and a Golf Competition on December 11 and 12 in Winter Garden. The next Summer Games will be held in April 2026 at Daytona State College. More to come.



Photo at left: Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett presents a donation from our Council to Joanne Roberts, Director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, on November 12, 2025.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP).

Our Council made its annual pro-life donation to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach as a part of the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. We recognize with gratitude the services and efforts of the Center and its staff. Thank you for the work you do to protect life in our community. We always have the opportunity to form a group to support sidewalk counseling. We are also beginning to learn of holiday caroling events in front of clinics in Central Florida.

Disabilities Campaign/Tootsie Roll Drive.

With our annual Disabilities Campaign, we have the opportunity to reach out in our community and ask for direct assistance in supporting the many services provided to children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. We do this through what we call our Tootsie Roll Drive. This year, we will run the campaign in March, and we are getting an early start in planning. If you want to participate, please contact SK Angelo Salvo or Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble.

National March for Life.

The annual National March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 23, 2026. Council 8791, Assembly 2901, and Prince of Peace Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be holding a pro-life sidewalk rally on Nova Rd. in front of the Church in union with and support of the national event beginning at 4:00 p.m. More information is forthcoming, but please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Family activities.



Event Highlight of the Month: Memorial Mass



Knights of Columbus® Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass, to honor our Brother Knights who passed on to their eternal rest during the last year was held on Tuesday, November 18 at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. The families of the Knights were invited. The annual Memorial Mass was for our District, praying for the Knights of the Councils and Assemblies of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church, and the Basilica of St. Paul, and paying respect to their families. Thank you to the more than 40 Knights who attended the Memorial Mass and Reception.



Knights of Columbus gather following the annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance for our deceased Brother Knights on November 18, 2025. Pictured (L-R) from Council 8791 are SK Mike Worley, District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong, Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, SK Jack Toia, SK Jay Young, SK Jim McCormick, Advocate SK Bob Simcoe, Trustee SK Russell Benett, SK Joe DiBlasi, Recorder SK Dan Medved, BK J.C. Phillips, SK Andy Wilbert, Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, SK Mark Devaroux, SK Matthew Crouner, SK Jim Burns, SK John Malafronte, BK Jim McGarry, SK John Trollinger, BK Chinh Pham, Chaplain and Pastor SK Rev. Father Justin Vakko, SK Fred Boyle, SK John McCarthy, SK Tom Welter, SK Bob Kindergan, and Deacon SK Bruce Gesinski. Also pictured: Rev. Father Kenneth Gill, Rector, Basilica of St. Paul, and several Knights from St. Brendan Council 13018.



Rev. Father Kenneth Gill, Rector, Basilica of St. Paul, and Rev. Father Justin Vakko, Pastor of Prince of Peace and Chaplain of Council 8791, concelebrate the Memorial Mass, assisted by Deacon Bruce Gesinski.



SK John Malafronte reads the First Reading.



SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski proclaims the Gospel.



Rev. Father Kenneth Gill delivers the Homily.



Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble reads the names of the deceased Knights of Council 8791. Grand Knight SK Bob Kazar reads the names of the Deceased Knights of Council 13018.



Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble and Grand Knight SK Bob Kazar present the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.



SK Bob Simcoe and SK Mike Worley lead the Color Corps at the Recessional of the Memorial Mass.



Knights gather for a Reception following Mass. Pictured (L-R), Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, SK Maurice Lafin, SK Russell Benett, SK Matthew Crowner, and District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong. Also pictured: Kristine Ernst.



Knights at the Reception include in the foreground (L-R) BK Jim McGarry, SK Jack Toia, BK Ron Nowvskie, and SK Harold Bennett. Also pictured In the background (L-R) are SK Jim Burns, SK Tom Welter, and SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski.



Knight at the Reception include (L-R) SK Bob Simcoe, SK Jim McCormick, SK John Malafronte, SK Jim Burns, SK Tom Welter, and SK Bob Kindergan. Also pictured: Patti Ann Welter.



Event Highlight of the Month: Ministry Fair



On the weekend of November 8 and 9 before and after all Masses, Prince of Peace hosted a Ministry Fair and Stewardship Witness Weekend. During this event, each ministry set up a table to share information and personal testimony about their mission and impact. The Knights of Columbus had a table with abundant information about our Order and Council. We also supported a table for our Cor ministry and the Hospitality ministry/Ushers. Knights staffed the tables before and after each Mass that weekend. It was a great opportunity to meet new Catholic men of the parish and welcome them

to consider membership into the Knights of Columbus. We gained several prospective and new Knights to our Council from the Ministry Fair. Thank you to the Knights who gave of your time and hospitality.



Knights gather at the Ministry Fair to provide information on our Order and our Cor ministry. Pictured (L-R), SK Jay Young, SK Dan Medved, Deputy Grand Knight SK Michael Ernst, SK Jim Morris, SK John Malafronte, SK Maurice Laffin, SK Roger Lanoue, and SK Chris Munson.



Knights provide refreshments at the Ministry Fair. Pictured (L-R), SK Jim Burns, SK Angelo Salvo, BK Ron Nowvskie, and SK Maurice Laffin.



SK John Malafronte provides information at the Cor table. SK Carlos Janiola reads the Usher and Hospitality Ministry table.



At the Usher and Hospitality Ministry table are SK Maurice Laffin and Head Usher BK Edward Bodigheimer.



Event Highlight of the Month: Fraternal Benefit Event



On Saturday, November 15, we held our annual Fraternal Benefit Update. Sara Jones and another representative presented and provided important updates on Medicare and Social Security. They reviewed the programs, their terminology, and services. They also explained the changes that are taking place this year. It was a very informative hour. Thereafter, they took individual questions and provided complementary consultations. For more information, please contact Sara Jones, R.N., at sara@medicarementorsllc.com

SK Jim Booritch, Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus Insurance and the agent for our Council, also joined us at our Fraternal Benefit Event. He was available to answer any questions on Insurance and Investment products provided through the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact SK Jim Booritch at james.booritch@kofc.org.

We appreciated having this time and opportunity with these benefit experts.



Sara Jones, R.N.



Knights were among the attendees at the Fraternal Benefit Event.



Event Highlight of the Month: Veterans Day Breakfast

Our annual Veterans Day Parish Breakfast was held on Sunday, November 16. We honored our Veterans, conveying a personal thank you to them as we celebrated the freedoms which they preserved for us. We are forever grateful for the service and sacrifice of our Veterans.

Thank you to all the Knights who helped with the Veterans Day Breakfast, and those who attended. The event was delayed one week due to the Parish Ministry Fair. There were two events in the parish hall the day before, so all the setup had to be done Sunday morning making for a busy and early morning. It was our best-attended Breakfast of the Fraternal Year, with 128 paid tickets (124 last year) and a few more free kids than we've recently seen. Thank you to Marcia Rudman and Louise Trudel from the CCW for helping on the serving line. Thank you also to those who helped with Coffee & Donuts, where we served 31 dozen doughnuts. Our next breakfast is Breakfast with Santa on December 21. Please enjoy the photos below.



SK Harold Bennett, Financial Secretary and Catholic War Veteran, provides hospitality in the Social Hall.



In the kitchen, (L-R) Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, SK Jeff Delgado, BK Rob Littleton, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Jay Young, SK Mike Worley, and BK Sebastian Nocita.



At the serving station, (L-R) SK Jim McCormick, BK Brian Rademacher, BK J.C. Phillips, and SK Roger Lanoue.



At the donut station, (L-R) BK Guy Baratte, SK Jack Toia, SK Roger Lanoue, and SK Bill Whelan.



SK Fred Boyle and SK Moe Laffin.



Parishioners enjoy the Veterans Day Breakfast.



The Social Hall was filled with Parishioners following the 9:00 am Mass.



Event Highlight of the Month: “Saluting the Sergeant” Veterans Day Ceremony



On Tuesday, November 11 at 10:00 am, at Volusia County Veterans Memorial Plaza, 125 E. Orange Avenue, Daytona Beach, SK Skip Keating hosted a special Veterans Day service. The event honored and celebrated the service of our veterans, with an emphasis the “backbone” of any military branch, those who held the rank of E-5 or higher. 26 Veterans were honored. We were pleased that Council 8791 was represented by SK Andy Wilbert, who was honored in holding the rank of Sergeant (ret.) from the U.S. Marine Corps. The recognition and honors also included SK Russell Cormican (Army), SK Joe DiBlasi (Army), and SK Mike Worley (Army). Thanks to the Knights from Council 8791 who attended to show their support. Enjoy the photos below.



SK Skip Keating.



SK Andy Wilbert and SK Skip Keating.



SK Mike Worley joined by other Veterans.



Opening processional of the Ceremony.



SK Skip Keating joined by a fellow Veteran.



SK Skip Keating interviewed by WESH2 News.



Families and other attendees at the Ceremony on November 11, 2025.



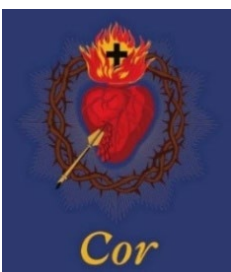
Honorees standing during their recognition at the Veterans Day Ceremony.



Upcoming Activities: First Friday Mass; Cor; Breakfast; Consecration to the Holy Family; Blood Drive



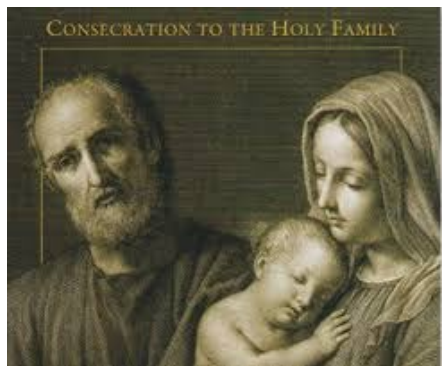
Our Council supports First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an opportunity to pray and worship Jesus in the Eucharist, which we believe is His body, blood, soul and divinity. Mass begins at 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:00 pm in the Church. The Sacrament of Confession is available beginning at 4:30 pm in the Church Chapel. The next First Friday Mass and Holy Hour is Friday, December 5, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Church. Please consider joining us.



The next *Cor* is on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 am in the St. Therese Room 7 in the Parish Administration Building. Created by the Knights of Columbus, *Cor* is a ministry filled with prayer, formation, and fraternity that focuses men on Jesus through building a Christ-centered brotherhood. *Cor* centers men's hearts on Jesus so they can be transformed by an authentic relationship with him and each other. We invite all Knights and all men of our Parish to join us in *Cor* this month.



Breakfast with Santa is on Sunday, December 21 from 8:00 am to 11:00 am in the Social Hall. It is a great opportunity to spend quality time with Jolly Saint Nick and let him know that you have been “nice” all year long. It always seems to be a perfect way for parishioners to come together to spread some more holiday cheer and show their anticipation for Christmas. It is usually one of our busier Breakfasts. We will need our Knights volunteers to make this a successful event.



Our Council will lead the Parish in a Consecration to the Holy Family at the Vigil and Sunday Masses on December 27 and 28. To live out the joy of Christ, families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God’s love through His Church.



Our next Parish Blood Drive is Sunday, December 28, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. This is our fourth Blood Drive of the Fraternal Year, with a goal of 90 pints. All donors receive a \$10.00 e-gift card, a One Blood t-shirt, and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are available and recommended. Please give blood if you can or ask

a family member, friend, parishioner, or neighbor to stop by to donate if they can. Thank you for your support.



Calendar of Council Activities

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 First Mass	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day	2	3 Epiphany
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Robert's Birthday	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Feast of the Presentation	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents' Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

December 4 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)

December 5 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)

December 7 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

December 9 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Fireplace Room 3)

December 13 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (St. Therese Room 7)

December 14 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)

December 16 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall) (*Note: The meeting date is one week earlier this month.*)
 December 17 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 December 20 – Christmas Around the World, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Social Hall)
 December 21 – Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Social Hall); Parish Raffle, 10:30 am (Social Hall)
 December 21 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 December 25 – Christmas Day
 December 27 and 28 – Consecration to the Holy Family (All Masses)
 December 28 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 December 28 – Blood Drive, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm (Big Red Bus, Parish Parking Lot)
 January 1 – New Years Day
 January 1 – Veterans Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
 January 2 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Church)
 January 4 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 January 10 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (St. Therese Room 7)
 January 11 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 January 13 – Officers Meeting, 10:00 am (Fireplace Room 3)
 January 18 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 January 19 – Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day
 January 21 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 January 23 – March for Life Rally, 4:00 pm (Sidewalk along Nova Rd. in front of the Church)
 January 25 – Coffee & Donuts, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm (Social Hall)
 January 27 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Social Hall)
 Highlights for February:
 February 14 – *Cor*, 10:00 am (St. Therese Room 7)
 February 15 – Shrove Breakfast, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Social Hall)
 February 18 – Ash Wednesday

🚩 **Looking for the most current upcoming activities?** Please visit the Calendar at kofc8791.org/calendar.



Birthdays for December

Happy Birthday to our Brother Knights who celebrate their birthday in the month of December:

Peter Valdez – December 1
 Harley Hoffman – December 2
 Rev. John Fradet – December 4
 Michael Caffrey – December 11



Ray Komara – December 15
 David Peterson – December 16
 William Whelan – December 29



Anniversaries for December

Blessings to our Pastor and Chaplain who is celebrating the anniversary of his Ordination in the month of December:

Rev. Father Justin K. Vakko – ordained on December 28, 1999



Happy Anniversary to our Brother Knights celebrating their wedding anniversary in the month of December:

Robert and Connie Knapik – married on December 14, 1991 (34 years)
 Russell and Mary Ruth Cormican – married on December 28, 1967 (58 years)
 Henry and Linda Lumbra – married on December 30, 1961 (64 years)

Congratulations to our Brother Knights celebrating their annual anniversary as a Knight of Columbus in the month of December:

Harley Hoffman (73 years)
Marvin Wonder (46 years)
James Burns (27 years)
Joseph Fulweber (27 years)
Michael Sobiecki (24 years)
Rev. Fr. Bernard Kiratu (16 years)
Michael Leibel (16 years)
Paul Aparo (15 years)
Francisco Guillena (13 years)

Angelo Salvo (13 years)
William Whelan (13 years)
Jay Young (13 years)
Nicholas Doheny (8 years)
Guy Baratte (6 years)
Leonard Drolet (5 years)
Shawn Rosado (3 years)
George Graff (1 year)



Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families and friends:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

+ Angelo Salvo, Sr., father of SK Angelo Salvo

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

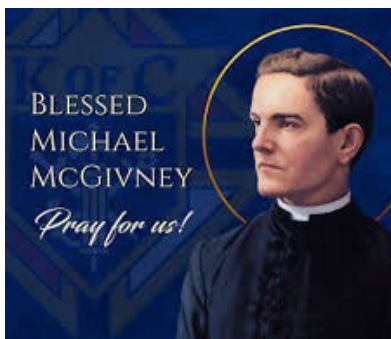
SK James Morris	SK John McCarthy
SK Jack Toia	BK Sebastian Nocita
SK Tom Welter	SK Daniel Eppelheimer
SK Bob Simcoe	SK Bob Guidotti
SK Paul Clare	BK Joe Fulweber
BK Bob Falkenberg	SK Joseph Taibl
BK Scott Waddell	BK Frank Guillena
SK John Peters	SK Joseph Collins

Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe
Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber
Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski
Valerie Kruse, wife of SK Tom Kruse
Jim Toia, brother of SK Jack Toia
Matthew Morris, nephew of SK James Morris
Margaret Mackey, wife of SK Jerry Mackey



Linda Guidotti, wife of SK Bob Guidotti
Calvie Dean, wife of SK Victor Dean
Mason Collins, grandson of BK Jow Collins
Nicole Carter, daughter of BK Ray Komara
Melissa Kyer, stepdaughter of SK James Morris
Shannon Sloan, stepdaughter of SK Skip Keating

✚ **If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers,** please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members and friends who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, may Your bountiful goodness be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth to the Kingdom of Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.

+ Mass of Christian Burial for Angelo Salvo, Sr.



Angelo Salvo, Sr.

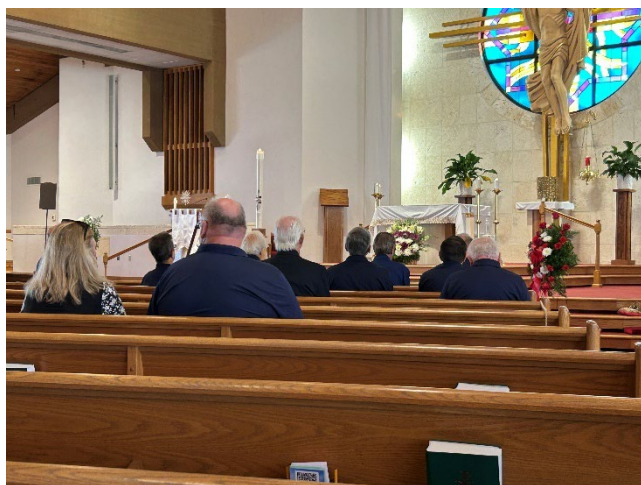
On November 5, the Knights of Council 8791 came together to pay our respects at a Mass of Christian Burial for Angelo Salvo, Sr., the father of SK Angelo Salvo, who passed away to his eternal rest at the age of 81. More than 20 Knights were in attendance to support Diane Salvo, SK Angelo Salvo, and the family, and to pray for the eternal rest of Angelo Salvo, Sr. SK Angelo Salvo delivered the Eulogy at the beginning of Mass that shared so much about the life of his father, who emigrated from Italy. We were grateful to have had this opportunity to share in this solemn Mass. Please see the photos below.



SK Angelo Salvo delivers the Eulogy for his father, Angelo Salvo, Sr., at the beginning of the Mass of Christian Burial.



Rev. Father Justin Vakko, Pastor and Chaplain of the Knights, delivers his Homily and Blessing for the family.



Knights sit together for the Mass.



Knights gather to express their support following the Mass.



Council Shirts Ordering

Free shirt for new Knights; Additional shirts can be paid through our Council website



Our blue Council shirts reflect our fraternity and unity, and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. There is no cost to you. The Council also facilitates orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. You need to complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe with your payment (either \$35.00 or \$37.00 depending on size). He will provide you with the form, take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received. Beginning this month, you can also pay for your additional shirt through our Council website at kofc8791.org. Please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe@aol.com with any questions.



Council Website: kofc8791.org

Our Council website at kofc8791.org is a great source of information on the Knights of Columbus and Prince of Peace Council 8791. From the homepage, use the index at the top to click through to the other sections and links. The website includes updates about Council programs, activities, members, and supports our recruitment of new Knights. It includes our Newsletter, Calendar, Reflections, By-Laws/Policies, Photos, and so much more. Please visit our website and invite others to do so. For any questions or recommendations, please contact SK Dan Medved at danieltmedved@gmail.com.



Florida State Council Charity Raffle



The Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus is in full swing with a state-wide raffle in which the proceeds go to raise funds for local affiliated Councils as well as for Florida Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. Raffle books contain 4 raffle tickets each, and were distributed to all Councils. Council 8791 received 100 raffle books. First Prize is \$25,000.00; Second Prize is \$5,000.00; and Third Prize is \$1,000.00. The donation is \$3.00 per ticket, or \$10.00 per book, however there

is no fee to participate. Councils retain \$4.00 per book for our charitable programs. All raffle ticket distribution ends May 1, 2026. The final drawing will be held at the Florida State Council Annual Convention Dinner on May 2, 2026 in Orlando. Raffle books were distributed to Council Knights, and more are available. Please contact BK Ron Nowviskie at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com for more information.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
PRINCE OF PEACE COUNCIL 8791**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



PARISH RAFFLE DRAWING AT 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes,
Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal,
Orange Juice and Coffee**

Complimentary Parish Coffee & Doughnuts as Usual

Adults & Teens \$6.00 – Children 12 & U Free

*Tickets available after all Masses, in the
Parish Office, and at the door.*

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57TH ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE BEEN
MAILED
CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES

DRAWING WILL BE HELD
SUNDAY DECEMBER 21ST AT
10:30AM IN PARISH HALL

**YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE IS MUCH
APPRECIATED AND WILL GO A LONG WAY IN
SUSTAINING THE MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS
UNDERWAY FOR OUR PARISH CAMPUS AND
FACILITIES**



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